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To All LifeWaters SDI Scubility Divers and SDI Scubility Dive Buddies and Scubility Instructors and Staff,

The LifeWaters Board of Directors met today to discuss the overall implications of the Coronavirus – aka COVID -19 Virus and our travel and dive instruction plans for the next 4-5 months. We have brought together the LifeWater’s Medical Staff for their expertise and input as well as researched many reliable sources.

We have taken into account a variety of issues as they’ve been evolving from the pandemic spread of COVID-19. These include the risk factors, ages of our participants (divers, buddies and instructors), chronic medical conditions, the availability of medical support in remote, out of country locations, the size of the groups involved, the incubation periods, and current restrictions which have been made on our medical staff traveling with us. We’ve also considered everyone’s out of pocket expenses, refunds, as well as the hours of planning and negotiations to just set up the trips, etc. We understand that we would all love to go “blow some bubbles” and forget about the world’s problems, especially COVID-19!

After taking all of that into consideration it is with deep regret that we are cancelling the following activities through June 5, 2020. We sincerely hope not to extend any cancellations beyond that date and the Board of Directors will meet again near the end of April to be updated on this issue in order to determine our future status with regard to our activities.

The following activities are cancelled:

- May 1,2,3 Georgia Aquarium Adaptive Dive Trip
- Milwaukee, WI Discover Scuba with the VA SCI Unit May 8, 9—postponed date tbd
- Bonaire Adaptive Dive Trip May 30-June 8
- All dive training .
 - o All group dive training
 - o All 1:1 dive training
- Trout Lodge YMCA Joint Activity
- Other activities that we are involved in such as the PVA National Wheelchair Games in July may also be affected but no information on these have been shared yet.

At this time these are the activities which are still on our calendar:

- o Cozumel , August 22-29 Adaptive Dive Trip
- o November 6,7, 8 Georgia Aquarium Adaptive Dive Trip

If you're interested in either of these trips, there is limited space available and of course we also need volunteer buddies, please email jcampbell@lifewaters.org for information . Please know that we have no control over this pandemic or other regulations which may be put into place which would supersede LifeWaters Board of Directors decisions. LifeWaters is making every effort to provide as many of our services as possible while keeping our volunteer staff and divers safe and healthy. Those are the priorities. Please watch our website and our Facebook page and your email for any updates.

Thank you for your patience as we all watch this pandemic evolve and hopefully die out sooner rather than later.

Sincerely,

LifeWaters Board of Directors